

REMARKS

Applicants have now had an opportunity to carefully consider the Examiner's comments set forth in the Advisory Action of July 5, 2005. Reconsideration of the Application is requested.

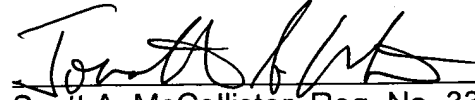
In the Advisory Action mailed July 5, 2005 the Examiner maintained the rejections of claims 16, 18-23, 25 and 26. Applicants acknowledge that claims 2-3, 6, 9-15 and 27-29 are allowed and claim 24 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter. In the Advisory Action, the Examiner stated that the amendments made in Applicant's previous response did not place the application in condition for allowance because Applicant did not amend claim 23 to include the limitation recited in claim 24.

Applicant has amended claim 23 to recite "extruding a cylindrical lens parallel to and integrally formed with the sheath." Accordingly, claim 23 now includes the limitation of claim 24, which has been cancelled.

All formal and informal matters having been considered, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Seeing that this is an After Final Response, Applicant has not raised any new issues that require additional search since Applicant has only amended the claims that have already been previously presented to the Examiner. Applicant asks that the Examiner allow this application to grant.

Respectfully submitted,

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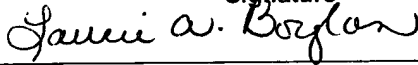
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